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W. C. T. U. COLUMN

Devoted to the Interest of Christian and Temperance Work, Under the Supervision of Francis Willard W. C. T. U. and Directed by Mrs. Dr. Dugan, to Whom all Communications for this Column Should be Sent.

Washington is having a remarkable series of temperance meetings. Judge Webber of Ohio, the author of the Webber prohibition bill for the district, is making frequent speeches throughout the city to large and enthusiastic audiences. The Prohibition Crusaders, an organization whose efforts are for prohibition in the district, and who are doing their utmost to arouse sentiment for the Webber bill, are holding meetings in different parts of the city every night. They have secured Rev. J. W. Zachary of Lexington, Kentucky, to speak for them, and Rev. W. L. Shinn of New Orleans who is in the city in the interests of education is also addressing meetings in favor of prohibition. The Catholic Total Abstinence society, which has come out in support of the Webber bill, recently called a conference of leaders of all temperance societies in the District to form a policy of operations, and had a most enthusiastic and harmonious meeting.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is in the city, also, and attracting large crowds to both afternoon and evening meetings, held in different parts of the city. So Washington is hearing more prohibition lectures and more temperance sentiment is being inculcated than in a long time.—The Union Signal of January 24, 1907.

A Columbus, Ohio, union, supporting eight legions in public schools and settlement houses, met the expenses of the young center leader to the national W. C. T. U. convention, that she might have the advantages and inspiration of the L. T. L. conference. The result has justified the financial outlay.—The Union Signal of January 31, 1907.

"Intemperance drives out purity, prosperity, patriotism."
"The same flag cannot protect both the home and the saloon."
"Licensing the saloon puts the minds of the people on the bargain counter."

Mrs. Edith S. Davis, director of the Bureau of Scientific Temperance Investigation and superintendent of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools and Colleges, will soon announce the names of the department counselors, men noted in the educational and scientific world, and representing different sections of the country. Mrs. Davis has been extremely busy since the Hartford convention, and she is likely to be increasingly so, conferring with the S. T. I. superintendents, members of school boards, addressing teachers' meetings and sending out S. T. I. literature, besides carrying on or supervising the heavy correspondence necessarily devolving upon the one who is superintendent of this important division of the W. C. T. U. work.—The Union Signal of January 24, 1907.

A recent brief two weeks trip by Mrs. Florence D. Richard through the central part of Wisconsin, gave us seventy-nine new names, and gave Mrs. Richard the opportunity of presenting scientific temperance before ten schools. This department is taking on new life and vigor. Programs, where it is made the chief theme, are being given, as recently at Poyette, at which all but two of the twelve teachers were present, several of them engaging in the discussions.—The Union Signal of January 31, 1907.

More than a million foreigners land upon our shores every year, mostly, if not altogether, from the drinking classes of the old world.

Where religion, industry and temperance, the truly undivided trinity, rule in harmony, in true pristine unity, there, indeed, is heaven upon earth—peace, joy, salvation, grace and blessedness.—Frederick Froebel.

Sir Nathaniel Barnaby, former

constructor to the British navy, says: "I was only 12 years old when I took the total abstinence pledge. I was impressed with the idea of the good it would be to help others. But it is I myself, who have got the most good. That pledge has been better for me than a gift of \$100,000.—The Crusader Monthly.

ROLL AWAY THE STONE.

It is hard to make a mother believe, as she weeps over the lifeless form of her son, that the glass of wine or beer was not loaded.

It is hard to make the jury of eighty million persons of this nation believe as they look at the footprints of the drunkard leading from a happy home and its environments to the wine room, the beer garden and the saloon, and from there to prison, the asylum and the grave, that the intoxicating liquors of the dram shops were not the cause of his fall from manhood and intelligence and his death in disgrace.

If we believe in the teachings of Christ and the truth, before we pray to God for the salvation of our city, our state or our nation, why not tell where we have laid them and then roll away the weight of the saloon trust—that home wrecker, that child torturer, that mind destroyer, that soul crusher, that man killer and that hell feeder—from the door of the sepulcher?—J. G. Rayburn.

At the recent convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Boston, there were in attendance representative women from many nations of the world. Several of them went to Maine, and have been quietly studying conditions and making comparisons between prohibition Maine and license communities as they know them. The opinions of these distinguished and experienced women exactly correspond with the opinion of a great scientist, Dr. Matti Helenius of Finland, who spent several weeks in Maine last summer and has gone home declaring to his people that he is convinced that prohibition is the only right and efficient law to apply to the liquor traffic. One of the W. C. T. U. visitors, Mr. Harrison Lee, who has been speaking in different sections of Maine, has felt moved to write the following:

Our goals (jails), reformatories, asylums, hospitals and other public institutions are monuments of sin, sorrow and suffering, and are mainly required because of the pitiless drink demon. We have watched with intense interest the growing prosperity of Maine for fifty years, and encouraged by your evident success, we are bravely trying to crush liquorism out of existence in Australia and New Zealand.

Your state has had the proudest privilege of any part of the world. It has been the battleground of the most glorious reform the civilized nations have ever engaged in. And as an Australian I want to thank you in the name of tempted, struggling humanity, in the name of the world's greatest reformers, in the name of our heroic forefathers, in the name of Him who is not willing that any should perish, for all you have done, and to beg of you to stand true to your magnificent principles and continue to flash the light around the world.

Your Australian Sister and Comrade,
BESSIE HARRISON LEE.
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January 10, 1907.

Dissolution Notice.

By mutual consent, the firm of Keeler Bros., Jewelers and Bicycle Dealers, West Church street, Marion, Ohio, is hereby dissolved by Mr. A. B. Keeler retiring from the business.

Dated January 30, 1907.
1-30-07
KEELER BROS.

OBITUARY

Mr. Andrew Schmelzer died at his home on Bellevue street, Marion, Ohio, Tuesday, February 5, 1907, aged fifty-eight years, one month and thirteen days. He was born in Newburg New York, where he spent his childhood days, moving to this vicinity when a young man. He was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Hall of Marysville, Ohio, on May 19, 1878. Three sons were born to the union, who with the loving wife and mother survive. They are Ezra, Fay and Rae living at home.

For twenty years the deceased was employed in the wheel department of the Huber Manufacturing plant where he was considered one of the most trustworthy employees. His friends were many and he fought the battle of life well, never shirking duty.

Eight brothers live to mourn the death of the departed. They are George, Charles and Harvey of Richmond; William and Lewis of Prospect; Ellis and John of Arbelia, Ohio, and Jacob of Broadway.

LOCAL FIRE PICTURES

In addition to the regular program at the Nickelodeum, on South Main street, this week, Manager Beaumont will give his patrons the pictures of the Marion fire department, with runs by the Chicago, Lima and Tiffin departments. This is the first time Mr. Shields has ever allowed any of his films to be used by anyone other than himself.

HARCOURT PLACE

Will Be Re-opened at Gambier in September.

The trustees of Kenyon college yesterday announced that Harcourt Place seminary, Gambier, will be reopened in September, under the management of Miss Harlette Merwin, who has for the past nine years been associated with Miss Dana's school at Morristown, N. J.

A reunion of the former students of Harcourt Place is to be held in June and the school buildings will be thrown open for the entertainment of visitors during the Kenyon commencement week.

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Fight Appendicitis.

Cotatesville, Pa.—This town has an Anti-Appendicitis club the avowed object of which is the prevention of the disease, which has become alarmingly prevalent here. One of the requirements of membership is a liberal consumption of olive oil. A barrel of the oil has been ordered by the club, and a by-law provides that each member shall partake of a tablespoonful before each meal—as a necessity, not a luxury. F. L. Campbell is president, James Jackson secretary and Frank Soule treasurer of the club, and more than 100 prominent men of the town have joined. Within the last two weeks 12 cases of the disease have developed here, and that number of operations have been performed at the local hospital.

It Came Over from 1906.

That romantic story about a young man being infatuated with the voice he heard in a phonograph, and afterward marrying the possessor of the voice, is the most improbable yarn turned out so far in 1907.—Baltimore American.

Stolen Happiness.

The woman who beats the street car conductor out of a nickel is as happy over her achievement as the man who grabs a cigar from another man's vest pocket.—Detroit Free Press.

A Birthplace Worth Saving

By Mark Twain



There is a natural human instinct that is gratified by the sight of any thing hallowed by association with a great man or with great deeds. So people make pilgrimages to the town whose streets were once trodden by Shakespeare, and Hartford guarded her Charter Oak for centuries, because it had once had a hole in it that helped to save the liberties of a colony. But in most cases the connection between the great man or the great event and the relic we revere is accidental. Shakespeare might have lived in any other town, as well as in Stratford, and Connecticut's charter might have been hidden in a woodchuck hole as well as in the Charter Oak. But it was no accident that planted Lincoln on a Kentucky farm, half way between the Lakes and the Gulf. The association there had substance in it. Lincoln belonged just where he was put. If the Union was to be saved, it had to be a man of such an origin that should save it. No wintry New England Brahmin could have done it, or any torrid cotton-planter, regarding the distant Yankee as a species of obnoxious foreigner. It needed a man of the Border, where civil war meant the grapple of brother and disunion a raw and gaping wound. It needed one who knew not slavery not from books only, but as a living thing, knew the good that was mixed with its evil, and knew the evil not merely as it affected the negroes, but in hardly less baneful influence upon the poor whites. It needed one who knew how human all the parties to the quarrel were, how much alike they were at bottom, who saw them all reflected in himself, and felt their dissensions like the tearing apart of his own soul. When the war came Georgia sent an army in gray, and Massachusetts an army in blue, but Kentucky raised armies for both sides. And this man, sprung from Southern poor whites, born on a Kentucky farm and transplanted to an Illinois village and charity had left no room for prejudice, was marked by Providence as the one to "bind up the nation's wounds." His birthplace is worth saving.

The above article by the great American author and humorist refers to the movement on foot to make of the Lincoln Birthplace Farm a national park of patriotism. Considering the preservation of Mount Vernon, the Washington Monument, the classic tomb of Grant, and the score of other memorials to lesser heroes of our Republic, it is really a remarkable instance of national neglect that more than forty years should have passed without a fitting tribute to the memory of Lincoln who bore the heaviest burden ever carried by an American President and fell in harness, a victim of assassination. There is no knowing



when any action would have been taken had it not been that the Lincoln Birthplace Farm was put up at auction in August, 1905, that the proceeds might be used to pay the back taxes. All but one of the bidders represented some business concern, anxious to get control of the property for advertising purposes; but this one bidder saved the farm and averted what would have been a national disgrace. He represented a private citizen, who believed the historic ground should be the property of the American people, and, having acquired the place, he turned it over to an association of public-spirited men, who quickly organized and deter-

mined to develop it into a Lincoln National Park that should stand forever as a shrine of patriotism and peace, a fitting memorial to the great citizen who was born there.

The farm is ideal for such a purpose. Consisting of one hundred and ten acres in the rolling blue-grass region of Larue County, Kentucky, it is crossed by a picturesque stream, has many shady groves, and possesses the famous rock spring near which it is proposed that the Lincoln statue shall be erected. But a short distance away, along the turnpike, stands the old mill where Lincoln used to go with his father, the boy seated astride a sack of corn on the broad back of the old mare. When the park is developed it is said that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad will establish a branch terminal near the entrance.

The plan of the Lincoln Farm Association is very simple, and seems to have been inspired by a profound belief in the individual patriotism of American men and women. Instead of appealing to a wealthy few to carry out the work, the Association has given its cause to the whole people, asking "every man, woman and child in whose heart is the love of country and a reverence for the memory of Lincoln" to become a member. Each member is called upon to contribute whatever amount he or she wishes provided it is not less than twenty-five cents or more than twenty-five dollars, and to every member is issued a large, handsomely en-



SAINT-GAUDENS' LINCOLN.

It has been suggested that above the famous Rock Spring from which Lincoln drank as a boy, a copy of Saint-Gaudens' famous Statue of Lincoln be erected.

granted Certificate of Membership, bearing the seal of the Association, with the autographs of the officers and trustees. The name of the member is then entered in the Permanent Catalog, which is to be kept forever in a place of honor in the Historical Building to be erected at the Park. Thus the funds are being raised by popular membership subscriptions, and already the names are coming in by hundreds from every State in the Union, more than fifteen thousand having joined before November 1. The labor unions, fraternal orders, historical societies, women's clubs and organizations of all sorts have pledged themselves to spread the work during the coming winter, and seventy-five per cent. of the daily newspapers, recognizing the broadly democratic spirit and typical Americanism of the movement, have promised to give the tremendous weight of publicity to it.

The Officers and Board of Trustees of The Lincoln Farm Association, which has its offices at 74 Broadway, New York City, are as follows:
Joseph W. Folk, President, Governor of Missouri; Joseph H. Choate, Ex-Ambassador to England; Henry Watterson, editor of Louisville "Courier-Journal"; Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore; Edward M. Shepard, lawyer and author; August Belmont, director of Louisville & Nashville R. R.; Horace Porter, Ex-Ambassador to France; William Travers Jerome, District Attorney of New York County; Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Director Lincoln Centre, Chicago; Charles A. Towne, Congressman from New York; William H. Taft, Secretary of War; Lyman J. Gage, Ex-Secretary of Treasury; Norman Hapgood, of "Collier's"; Ida M. Tarbell, biographer of Lincoln; Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain"); Augustus Saint-Gaudens, sculptor; Albert Shaw, editor of "Review of Reviews"; Thomas Hastings, architect; Robert J. Collier of "Collier's"; Clarence Mackay, Treasurer, President Postal Telegraph & Cable Co.; Richard Lloyd Jones, Secretary.

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CITY COUNCIL WILLING TO TAKE PUBLIC INTO ITS CONFIDENCE

Members are Desirous of an Expression of Public Opinion on the Proposition of Erecting New City Hall or New Fire Engine House--Some are in Favor of Building Engine House Exclusive of City Building.

Here is one proposition at least on which the city council is willing to take the public into its confidence. At least that is what Dr. J. G. Selter says. And the Doctor says he usually knows what he's talking about.

Yes, what the council wants is an expression of public opinion on the proposition of erecting a new city hall, or a new fire engine house. A number of plans have been generated in the minds of the various councilmen and what they want to get at is just about what the public wants.

It has been suggested and the Doctor is a firm advocate of building a new engine house, moving the city market into the present house and then if the city so desires, the space now occupied by the market can be utilized for the purpose of putting up a city building.

The idea of having a three story

building with city offices above and the fire department below has also been suggested, but this is not favored by many for the reason that a combination of this kind, always leaves the stable odor clinging to the building.

Personally, Dr. Selter would be in favor of purchasing the Evans property, just north of the present city property, vacating the alley between and then the city would have an admirable site for a new building.

At any rate, the members of council would like to have candid and honest expressions of opinion during the next few months, in order that they can get the real sentiment of the majority of property owners. It doesn't much matter to them, just what plans are finally adopted, so the city has a building, in keeping with its present importance, and above all, the councilmen desire to satisfy the people.

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